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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 10/087,779; Filed: March 5, 2002  
For: **Method, Apparatus And Computer Program Product For Performing  
Data Packet Classification**  
Inventors: JOHNSON *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1875.2050000

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a);
2. Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences;
3. Pre-Appeal Brief Request For Review;
4. Arguments to Accompany the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review;
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6. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$950.00 to cover:  
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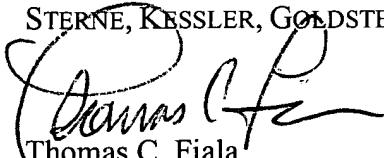
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